

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2007.

Claims 1, 3-8, 19, 21-24 have been amended; claims 2, 10-18 and 20 have been canceled and claims 28-35 have been added.

Claims 7, 8 and 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to avoid the antecedent basis problem.

Claims 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Misra et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,189,146.

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Misra et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,189,146.

The claims have been amended to more clearly cover the present invention. Independent claims 1 and 19 now positively recite the features of “providing a group administration application that allows a group administrator to define fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group” and “the configuration input web page receiving configuration information associated with the fields from the member”. This is not shown or made obvious in the cited prior art.

New claim 28 further includes the features that the “group administration application is a web application that authenticates the user as a group administrator”, and that “the group administrator application allows for the restriction of selected software licenses to certain methods”.

These features are not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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